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1. SUMMARY: IN CONTRAST TO OTHER UN SESSIONS HELD DURING PAST YEAR, 31ST SESSION OF ESCAP IN PLENARY HAS BEEN MARKED BY UNUSUAL TRANQUILITY WITH A NEAR ABSENCE OF ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE. ATMOSPHERE BEST SUMMED UP BY FRENCH DELEGATE WITH WIDE EXPERIENCE IN VARIETY OF UN FORA WHO CHARACTERIZED ESCAP DELEGATES AS "AN UNUSUALLY TRANQUIL AND PLEASANT GROUP." INDIANS MAKING CLEAR BID FOR LEADERSHIP BUT ARE ENCOUNTERING RESISTANCE FROM BOTH ASIAN AND WESTERN COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. TONE OF COOPERATION WAS SET IN OPENING ADDRESS BY INDIAN PM INDIRA GANDHI WHO, ALTHOUGH STRESSING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND MENTIONING HIGH PRICES CHARGED FOR DEVELOPED COUNTRY EXPORTS, TOOK PAINS TO AVOID USING EMOTION-
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LADEN LANGUAGE OR DWELLING ON CONTENTIOUS ISSUES SUCH AS

SPECIFICS OF NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. AS REPORTED SEPARATELY, INDIAN CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN AND USSR DELEGATION HAVE ALSO MADE REAL EFFORT TO HOLD CONFERENCES TO PRACTICAL BUSINESS AND TO AVOID FRUITLESS EXCURSIONS INTO THE POLITICAL AREA. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORTS THAT CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN HAS ALSO "LEANED ON" CHINESE DELEGATION TO KEEP THEIR STANDARD POLITICAL FIRE AND BRIMSTONE TO A MINIMUM.

3. ENTIRE FIRST FOUR DAYS OF PLENARY DEVOTED TO LENGTHY RECITATION OF COUNTRY STATEMENTS, NONE OF WHICH CONTAINED ANY REAL SURPRISES. U.S. STATEMENT (REPORTED REF A) RECEIVED PARTICULARLY WELL WITH STRONG DEMAND FOR PRINTED TEXTS. ONLY CONTENTIOUS ISSUES RAISED DURING ITEM4 CONCERNED RECOGNITION OF SVN, ROK AND KHMER DELEGATIONS WHICH CHINA KICKED OFF IN ITS OPENING STATEMENT (REFS B AND C). EVEN HERE, HOWEVER, PROBLEM APPEARED CONTAINED AFTER LIMITED SHORT INTERVENTIONS BY ROK, SVN, CHINA USA AND USSR ON ISSUE. THUS FAR WALKOUTS HAVE BEEN CONFINED TO CHINA WHO QUIETLY LEFT PLENARY WHEN KHMER AND ISRAELI DELEGATES MADE THEIR OPENING ADDRESSES. AUSTRALIANS CREATED STIR IN PLENARY WHEN THEY APPEARED TO WALKOUT ON KHMER. ON INQUIRY, HOWEVER, IT TURNED OUT AUSTRALIANS HASTILY LEFT BECAUSE THEY FOUND LARGE RAT SITTING WITH THEIR DELEGATION.

4. INDIA, AS HOST, IS CLEARLY WORKING HARD TO REINFORCE CLAIMS TO LEADERSHIP OF THIRD WORLD. THIS PARTICULARLY EVIDENT IN COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS WHERE INDIAN DELEGATES, POLITELY BUT TENACIOUSLY, HAVE PUSHED PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN NEW ECONOMIC ORDER HAMMERED OUT IN SIXTH GA SESSION LAST YEAR. INDIAN POSITION HAS NOT, HOWEVER, ASSUMED INTENSE RADICALISM EVIDENCED BY ALGERIAN DELEGATES IN RECENT DAKAR COMMODITY CONFERENCE AND RECENTLY HELD ECA NAIROBI MEETING. MOREOVER, DEEP SUSPICION AND EVEN DISLIKE OF INDIA BY OTHER ASIAN DELEGATIONS HAS DONE MUCH TO BLUNT INDIAN PUSH FOR LEADERSHIP. ALSO ON SPECIFIC ECONOMIC ISSUES INDIAN SPOKESMEN HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED BY UNUSUALLY EFFECTIVE JAPANESE DELEGATION WHO OFTEN HAS TAKEN LEAD IN RESISTING ANY HINTS TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. FRENCH AND BRITISH HAVE ALSO BEEN ACTIVE IN OPPOSITION TO INDIAN THRUSTS. AS A RESULT CONFERENCE THUS FAR HAS PRODUCED NO REAL UNPLEASANTRIES FOR U.S. IN FACT, UP UNTIL DRAFTING AND RESOLUTION REVIEW SESSIONS BEGAN YESTERDAY, ENNUI APPEARED TO BE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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